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REBUTEL THIS DATE.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL CANALE ADVISED HE KNEW OF NO REASON THAT INTERVIEW OF RAY COULD NOT BE CONDUCTED BY FBI. HE ALSO STATED HE WOULD INTERPOSE NO OBJECTIONS SHOULD FBI DESIRE TO INTERVIEW RAY AT THIS TIME.

HOUSTON OFFICE ADVISED THAT PERCY FOREMAN, ATTORNEY WHO REPRESENTED RAY, ADVISED HE HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO FBI INTERVIEWING RAY. FOREMAN DID INFORM HOUSTON OFFICE THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH RAY MORE THAN FIFTY HOURS AND DID NOT DISCUSS FACTS OF CASE WITH RAY. FOREMAN SAID PURPOSE OF HIS INTERVIEWS PRIMARILY TO GET TO KNOW RAY. FOREMAN VOLUNTEERED THAT HE CONSIDERED RAY A RACIST AND HE DID NOT BELIEVE RAY WOULD COOPERATE WITH FBI.

HARRY AVERY, COMMISSIONER, TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF CORRESTIONS, ADVISED THIS DATE HE WOULD INTERPOSE NO OBJECTION TO PRISONER JAMES EARL RAY BEING INTERVIEWED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FBI. NO ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO CONDUCT INTERVIEW. MEMPHIS AWAITING BUREAU AUTHORITY. P.

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